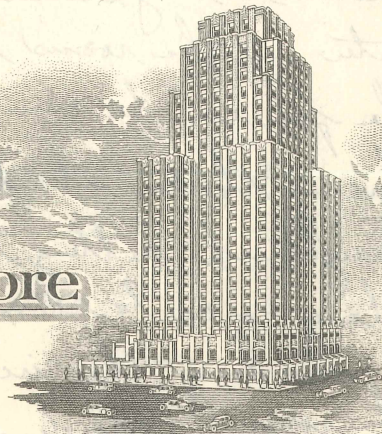


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Hello Folks,

Kinda ritzy, aren't I? - Well, long about the 18th floor of this contraption is where I am right now, sitting writing this just as big as life!

We got off at noon yesterday, the 4th, so I decided a trip to Oklahoma City came under the head of recreation. There's absolutely nothing to see or do in Chickasha and I've been tied in so closely to the field, I kinda thought I'd see how it felt to wander once more. Three other fellows from my bay came along, and as one of em has a car - we've had quite a bit of fun together. While we haven't done anything exciting here, it's still a city, and more to see.

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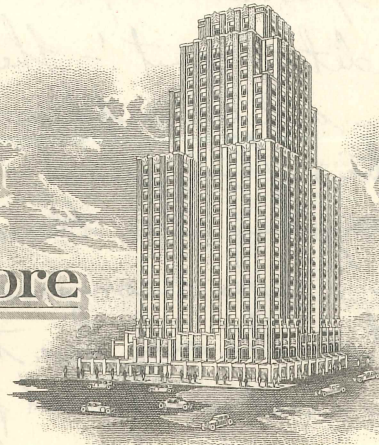
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The hotel is very swanky. - even to running ice water in the rooms and a two way ceiling fan. The fan can be run either like an ordinary fan, forcing the air straight down, or forcing the air straight up, hitting the ceiling, distributing it all along so as to come down around the walls, - making the circulation complete through out the room! - (Maybe it's just a country boy getting to the city! - I'd never risk going to New York!) - And, oh, yes, - we even have a radio in our room! - It's all very nice, no fooling. - two beds and private bath and everything furnished. - all for \$2 a piece! - Not bad if you could see it. - That's one thing we have to do. - Stay here at this hotel when in town. - I suppose they offer us a special rate. Our Post Commander told us whenever here we would stop at the "Biltmore" - It's part of our responsibility as Cadets to have the best! - What a life! -

I haven't done much. Went to a real show nuff movie last evening, wandered around awhile looking in store windows and went for awhile to "Silver Lake" - a sort of an amusement park. Abe Lyman & his orchestra were there, but it was so crowded, we didn't stay long.

Solly, - Sister, - thanks for my package. Someone told me one was in for me and as soon as I saw "Brownie's" on the wrapping,

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I had a very good idea of what to look for when I opened the box. - They were just what I liked, and needless to say, - they went clear to my toes! - I still have some left - been hoarding them in my laundry bag! - It sounds funny, but it keeps them! -

Hell, we're now upper classmen. - Studying new subjects and all! - Aircraft's engines, and navigation. - Everything will be ~~so~~ even more concentrated and our flying will be more, too. - From 2 to 3½ hours every day and check rides coming just any ol' time. It's certainly no let up! - And our new "dodgers" came in Friday afternoon! - They seem to be pretty nice, and of course, just coming in from Kelly, - can out-march us, - but we don't tell them that! - You see, we only drill about ½ hour each day (it's all we can work in our schedule) so we haven't any too

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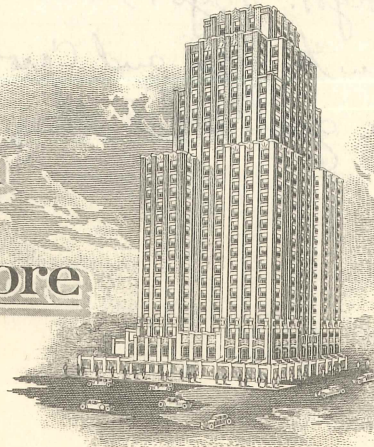
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much precision left. - I forgot to tell you -
I'm a cadet sargeant! - The officers are all upper
classmen and are supposedly selected ~~for~~ by their
scholastic & flying record - but in reality, like
most everything else, there's a lot of politics involved.
Anyhow - I was recommended for a Lt. and just
missed it. - We only have two companies, so you
can see - not much need for many officers. - I was
made a "supply sargeant" tho! - Under the
present conditions, - that's better than being the
"major". - Why -? - Cause there's nothing to
supply and I don't even have to meet the
drill formations! - So there you have it. - The
knowledge I was recommended for a commission,
and an easy job! - The first thing you know
I'll be gaining weight, what with no double
tuning and all! - But I'll bet the physical ed.
instructor will look after that part of it, so
don't fear!

I haven't done any flying since Thursday
morning. - Do you think I might have forgotten
~~how~~ -? - Yesterday the instructors had off and
Friday morning I was officer of the day, so didn't
get to fly. This week I'll be flying after noon
so if the weather holds out, I'll soon catch
up to myself. - We've lost some 40 or 50 cadets
from our class already - so by the time we finish,
we will easily have lost our 50% or more.
Some fun. -

We passed by Neil Rogers Field coming

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into town yesterday. - A big ^{OKLAHOMA CITY} Army field now with all sorts of planes there. - Also passed by the section of town that was hit by the tornado. - You should see it! - I just can't imagine anything that would have that much force. There's one space where 50 or more houses were - just as flat as a pan cake! - Not even a piece of chimney sticking up! - And trees completely uprooted all over the place mixed in with automobiles that were caught in it, too. - And the autos! - Just picture the most contorted and twisted wreck you ever saw add a little to it, - and you have an idea of what these looked like! - No foolin. - it's almost inconceivable!

Well, - I've rambled on far enough now - for a whole hour, - so as I've already written every-thing I know. - Guess this is as good a place as any to stop, eh? -

Bye now + be good. Love
Frank

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P.S. - I forgot. - I got the announcement of the little girl born to Joe and Caroline America. - They named it some gosh awful thing like "Phoebe Sue", poor kid!